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Daily report on the effects of the Israeli aggression in Palestine

Current situation in Palestine from **7th of October to 8th of November 2023 – 10:30 am**
Day 33 of Israeli aggression on Palestine

Number of destroyed residential units and displacement.	Attacks on Health Sector	Injured in Palestine	Martyrs in Palestine
More than 262 thousand housing unit > 50% 1,500,000 Palestinians internally displaced	More than 300	Gaza strip: more than 26 thousand	Gaza strip: 10515 - 4324 children - 2823 women - 649 elderly
Almost 70%		West Bank: about 2400	West Bank: 163

Emergency Operation Center in the ministry of health Ramallah oversees the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Figures updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect the verified statistics only but does not necessarily reflect all causalities given the fact that many victims remain missing under the rubble

Major Events

- The Genocidal war by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinians civilians continues. More than 70% of martyrs are children, women and elderly.
- More than 2550 people including 1350 children reported missing and may be trapped under the rubble.

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- The Israeli Occupation is targeting and demolishing all means of survival for civilians in Gaza. Leaving over 2.2 million people without water, food, medications, and basic human needs. For example, As of 7 November, no bakeries were active in the north, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, targeted attacks on solar panels, as well as the damage sustained by many. Food security partners have been unable to deliver assistance in the north for the past seven days.

- Israeli Occupation attacks continue hospitals in the north that are sheltering tens of thousands of forcibly displaced persons (FDPs) and thousands of wounded and sick.

- According to the World Health Organization, hospitals in the north are conducting complex surgeries, including amputations, without anesthesia, due to the lack of medical supplies.

- Shelters south of Wadi Gaza (the southern part Gaza Strip) are unable to accommodate new arrivals as they face severe overcrowding.

- The situation of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza city and other areas north Gaza Strip is increasingly dire. Intense Israeli occupation bombardment continue, and humanitarian aid workers face dire danger to secure the minimum amounts of water and food to survive.

- On the 6th of November, the 5th floor at al-shifa Hospital (Al-Quds building) was targeted by the Israeli airstrikes, destroying the solar panels (the last source to generate some electricity) and murdering tens of people including FDP's sheltering in the hospital. The Israeli forces have also targeted the main electricity generator at Al-shifa hospital the day before.

- The daily volume of humanitarian assistance entering from Egypt meets a fraction of people's needs. Drinking water brought in serves just 4 per cent of Gaza's residents. No aid is delivered to the forcibly displaced people in North Gaza.

- Israeli Occupation Forces is still banning the entrance of Fuel into the strip. As UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said, "without fuel,

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there will be no humanitarian response, no aid reaching people in need, no electricity for hospitals, no access to clean water, and no availability of bread."

- 18 out of 35 hospitals with inpatient capacities have stopped functioning and 71 % of all primary care facilities across Gaza have shut down due to damage or lack of fuel. The functioning hospitals are limited with what they can provide and are shutting down wards gradually. For example, Al-Shifa Medical Complex had to shit down 6 operating rooms due to inadequacy of supplies including fuel.

- Doctors continue to perform surgeries without anaesthesia, even for wounded patients, resulting in cases where they were forced to perform amputations on children and perform C-sections on women without anaesthesia.

- Overcrowding remains a major concern. More than 557,000 people are sheltering in 92 UNRWA facilities in the south and shelters are unable to accommodate new arrivals. The Khan Younis Training Centre, the most overcrowded UNRWA shelter, hosts more than 22,000 IDPs: the space per person is less than two square metres, while at least 600 people are sharing one toilet.

- The worsening sanitary conditions, along with the lack of privacy and space, generate health and safety hazards. Thousands of cases of acute respiratory infections, Diarrhea and chicken pox have been reported among people taking refuge at UNRWA shelters.

- A total of 50 FDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and 461 injured since 7 October, due to the targeting of shelter schools.

- Hundreds of thousands of residents in Gaza city and the northern areas face a severe water shortage, raising concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to consuming water from unsafe sources. most water facilities in the abovementioned areas, including some 60 municipal water wells, have shut down due to the lack of fuel and the inability of staff to reach them.

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- At least 65 sewage pumping stations in Gaza city and the northern areas have also ceased operating. The municipality of Gaza city has warned about the imminent risk of sewage flooding in large areas of the city, including Al-Zeitoun and Al-Daraj neighbourhoods.

- All humanitarian agencies and personnel have faced significant constraints in providing humanitarian assistance, due to ongoing Israeli occupation aggression, movement restrictions and shortages of electricity, fuel, water, medicines, and other essential items. Humanitarian partners cannot safely access people in need and warehouses where aid supplies are stored.

Health System

Gaza Strip:

- The ministry of health restates that the health system in Gaza has collapse and health care professionals are struggling to provide the basic care for the wounded and sick civilians.
- Shortage of blood: Calls continue for blood donation and appeals for outside supply of blood units.
- 95 patients per day are unable to access the specialized health care they would usually receive outside the Gaza Strip
- There are highly concerning reports of maternal, infant and child mortality and morbidity rates.
- There are 350,000 patients with non-communicable diseases (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, etc.).
- At least 1,000 kidney failure, >2,000 cancer patients, 130 neonates in incubators
- 80% of dialysis machines are located in hospitals in the northern Gaza Strip.

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- The Ministry of Health reported that its daily use of medical consumables during the Israeli occupation aggression is equivalent to its monthly consumption before.

West Bank including east Jerusalem:

- First response -emergency capabilities have been overwhelmed by the increase in injuries due to Israeli occupation forces aggression, with high demand for emergency medical supplies in hospitals.
- The closure of Israeli occupation checkpoints, lack of safety, movement restrictions and attacks on health facilities and personnel make the movement of ambulances difficult, restrict the movement of healthcare workers, and patients' access to primary care and hospitals between West Bank towns and Jerusalem.
- Parts of Area C are still inaccessible to partners running mobile clinics, leaving residents without access to basic healthcare services.

Attacks on the health sector

- 193 martyrs of health personnel
- 36 martyrs of the Civil Defence
- 120 wounded of health personnel
- More than 50 ambulances were attacked, 45 are damaged and out of service.
- 18/35 hospitals in Gaza and 51/72 primary health care clinics (more than two-thirds) have shut down due to damage from the bombardment or lack of fuel.
- 55% of health cluster partners stopped or limited operations due to the mass infrastructure damage.

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Destroyed buildings:

- More than 50% (almost 262,000) of housing units are destroyed.
  - The final count of destruction is not available as the bombardment is continuing.
  - 42 UNRWA installations, including several designated emergency shelters (DES), have been damaged, with one of them being directly hit, resulting in 13 fatalities and 195 injuries among IDPs.
  - At least 7 churches and 52 mosques damaged

Forced Displacement

- The cumulative number of forcibly displaced people since the start of the war in Gaza is estimated to exceed 1.5 million almost 70 % of the population in Gaza Strip.
- The Israeli Occupation forces are throwing warning papers on the forcibly displaced in the northern part of Gaza ordering them to flee again to the south.
- Those who were forced to fled to the south were attacked by Israeli bombardment and while walking for long distances seeking a safer place to be with their children and elderly.
- 15% of forcibly displaced suffer from various disabilities, and most shelter centres are not adequately equipped to meet their needs.
- An imminent public health catastrophe looms in the setting of mass displacement, overcrowding of shelters, damage to the water and sanitation infrastructure.

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